

**Amendments to the Specification**

5           On page 1, line 1, please insert the following title:

          --METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRE-PROCESSING IN A COMMON-  
FORMAT CONTROL PROCESSING INPUT SIGNALS OF, OR OUTPUT  
SIGNALS FOR, INTERFACES OF DIFFERENT TYPE--

10           On page 1, line 3, please insert the following paragraph:

          --This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §365 of European patent  
application numbered 03090038.5 filed February 12, 2003.--